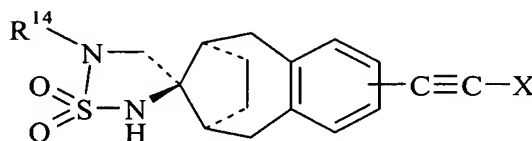


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1(Original) A compound of formula I:



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wherein X represents Ar, L-N(R¹)₂, L-CON(R¹)₂, L-CO₂R¹ or L-CN;

L represents a hydrocarbon chain of 1-7 carbon atoms which, when the chain comprises 2 or more carbon atoms, is optionally interrupted by an oxygen atom;

R¹ represents H or R²; or two R¹ groups attached to a single nitrogen atom may complete a heterocyclic ring of 3-7 members bearing 0-3 substituents selected from halogen, oxo, NO₂, CN, CF₃, R², C₂₋₆acyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, OH, OR², CO₂H, CO₂R², Ar, ArCH₂O, and ArO;

R² represents C₁₋₆alkyl which is optionally substituted with halogen, Ar, NO₂, CN, CF₃, OH or C₁₋₄alkoxy;

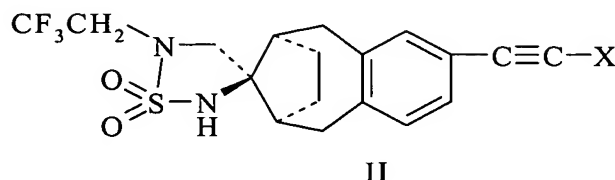
R¹⁴ represents H or C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, phenyl or benzyl, any of which optionally bear up to 3 halogen substituents or one substituent selected from CN, NO₂, OH, C₁₋₄alkoxy, CO₂H, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₂₋₆acyl, C₂₋₆acyloxy, amino, C₁₋₄alkylamino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, C₂₋₆acylamino, carbamoyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbamoyl and di(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl; and

Ar represents phenyl or heteroaryl either of which optionally bears up to 3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF₃, NO₂, CN, OCF₃, C₁₋₆alkyl and C₁₋₆alkoxy;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein X represents Ar and Ar represents optionally-substituted phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl.

Claim 3 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein L is selected from -CH₂-, -(CH₂)₄-, -(CH₂)₅-, -(CH₂)₂-O-(CH₂)₂- and -(CH₂)₂-O-CH₂-.

Claim 4 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula II:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 5 (Original) A compound according to claim 4 wherein X is selected from 6-membered heteroaryl, $-\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{R}^1)_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{N}(\text{R}^1)_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CON}(\text{R}^1)_2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CO}_2\text{R}^2$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CN}$ and $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{N}(\text{R}^1)_2$.

Claim 6 (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein X is selected from 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, pyrazinyl, 4-trifluoropiperidin-1-ylmethyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{NH-CH}_2\text{Ph}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CONHCH}_2\text{Ph}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-CH}_2\text{CN}$ and $-(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{-O-}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_2$.

Claim 7 (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1 ~~according to any previous claim~~ and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8-9 Cancelled

Claim 10 (Amended) A method of treatment of a subject suffering from or prone to Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to that person an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-6~~.